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The Honorable John Olver
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
2358 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Joe Knollenberg
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United States House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Olver and Ranking Member Knollenberg:

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the following projects in the FY2008 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:

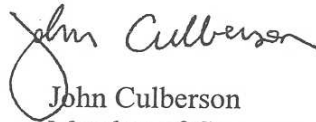
1. **Long Point Road Improvements between Pech Road and Hollister Road** in Houston, Texas: \$3.65 million for reconstruction of a segment of Long Point Road between Pech Road and Hollister Road in support of long range plans for mobility upgrades within the Long Point corridor.
2. **Houston METRO**: \$125 million in New Starts funds for METRO Solutions Phase 2 and for New Starts funds to begin the implementation of the commuter rail components of the METRO Solutions Program
3. **Houston METRO**: \$90 million in Bus Discretionary funds to continue expansion of the Park & Ride system throughout the Houston area and to purchase replacement buses.
4. **Texas Medical Center**: \$2.5 million for alternatives analysis and a draft environmental impact statement for the proposed aerial guideway system in the Texas Medical Center.
5. **Houston Zoo**: \$750,000 for the development of an educational broadcast program to provide interactive distance learning, first to the neighboring institutions at the Texas Medical Center and ultimately to regional school districts.
6. **Texas Medical Center**: \$3.2 million for construction of an exit ramp from southbound SH 288 to North MacGregor in Houston, Texas to relieve congestion and improve mobility in the Texas Medical Center.

I am also supportive of the following projects, which are being submitted by other Members of Congress:

1. Port Road Expansion and Improvements, Port of Houston, Texas: \$18.5 million to increase roadway capacity necessary to eliminate congestion, decrease truck queuing and associated air emissions, and accommodate existing and future increases in truck and personal vehicle traffic in the Bayport area.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,


John Culberson
Member of Congress

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